

Questions for Lt. John Barker

- 1.) When does Lt. Barker say the troops embarked to cross the Charles River?
- 2.) How many soldiers does he say is on the expedition?
- 3.) When does Lt. Barker say the soldiers actually began their march?
- 4.) What does he say regarding the purpose of the mission? Can you think of any ideas why this would be?
- 5.) As the British entered Concord (after the bloodshed at Lexington), where did they find the “country people?” How did the British deal with them? What did the “country people” then do?
- 6.) What were the grenadiers doing in town?
- 7.) Where were the light infantry sent? Why?
- 8.) What did the British do to secure the bridge? Why was it important to do so?
- 9.) Where were the rebels at this time? How many of them does Barker say there are?
- 10.) What is Barker afraid they are going to do?
- 11.) What happened to the British reinforcements that Capt. Lawrie sent for?

12.) What caused Capt. Lawrie retire across the bridge? Why does Barker say he should have done this sooner?

13.) Who does Barker say fires the first shot? How does he describe this shot?

14.) Faced with overwhelming numbers of rebels, what were the British forced to do?

15.) How many British soldiers does Barker say were hit?